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# 5 arrested in 2 armed robberies

Three suspects in two armed robberies in Westland were scheduled to face probable cause hearings on multiple charges at 18th District Court today.

The three suspects in the armed robberies at two 7-11 stores were all arrested within an 11-day period by Westland police.

Arrested and charged in the robberies were Kyle Wooten, 56, and Archie Lewis, 38, both of Inkster, and Christian Brown, 29 of Southfield. The men were arrested Dec. 20, 21 and 22 respectively.

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The first robbery occurred at the 7-11 store located at 126 S. John Hix at 4:30 a.m. Dec. 11. Wooten is accused robbing the store with a firearm and striking the store clerk in the face causing injury. Brown is accused of assisting in this robbery, while Lewis is suspected to be the "getaway" driver.

The second armed robbery occurred at the 7-11 located at 160 S. Venoy Road at 5:10 a.m. Dec. 17. During this incident, Wooten is accused of shooting a store employee during the theft. The employee suffered non-life threatening injuries. Lewis is also suspected to be the "getaway" driver in this robbery as well.

Wooten was arraigned before Judge Sandra Cicerelli at the 18th District Court for the Dec. 17 armed robbery and before Judge Vesta Svenson for the Dec. 11 armed robbery. In all, Wooten was arraigned on three counts of armed robbery; one count of assault with intent to

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# N'ICE going

## Plymouth Annual Ice Festival opens tomorrow

Photo by Lovelace Photography

Huge blocks of ice are being delivered and placed throughout the downtown area while the snow-making machines have been running 24-hours a day in Kellogg Park.

The 35th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival will officially open with a ribbon cutting at 7 tomorrow night in the bandshell at the park, and producer James Geitzen says they are as ready as it is possible to be.

"Our only concern, as always, is the weather," Geitzen said. "Otherwise, we couldn't be in better shape."

The festival is no small task, bringing nearly 100,000 people into Plymouth during the three-day weekend to watch championship ice carvers compete for honors, see the artistic creations of college competitors vying for top creative honors and enjoying the professional carvings that will decorate the entire downtown area.

"This is a very special event," Geitzen said. "It just has a different atmosphere than the other festivals in Plymouth. They are all great but the ice festival brings people out at what is usually a dull time of year, right after the holiday rush, and everybody seems to have a great time.

"I think maybe people have relaxed a little after the holidays and just want to have some family time."

This year, in addition to all the usual attractions including the free cross country skiing lessons, Dueling Chainsaws, the college competitions, the exhibitions and the entertainment at the Party Tent, families can enjoy the petting farm on Penniman, the Michigan Made marketplace and a list of family-friendly activities at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, the former Central Middle School.

"They are having the Main Street Opera with two performances of Hansel and Gretel," Geitzen said, "and just a long list of activities plus a warming station and hot chocolate."

The library, too, will offer something special with Rat Pack tribute artist Chris Ayotte offering free entertainment during the festival.

"This year we have carriage rides, too," Geitzen said. "We kept everything people love and added new things to keep it fresh."

While the ice sculptures are the biggest attraction, Geitzen said, the cross country skiing lessons attract a huge crowd.

"I think last year they put 1,000 or more kids through the ski trail they built in the park," Geitzen said. "Kids just love it."

The traditional Party Tent, behind E.G. Nick's restaurant, will have fan favorites Big Ray and the Motor City Kings and Fifty Amp Fuse.

The $3 cover charge goes to help the Vietnam Veterans group in Plymouth and Canton.

The festival is almost completely free, but local charities like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Special Olympics and many others, benefit from the parking fees members collect in various lots while helping the traffic flow downtown.

"There's a lot to do and see and even when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, everybody has a good time. It think that's what makes it so special. It's a really good time for everybody."

The 35th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival will take place Jan. 6-8 throughout downtown Plymouth. The event is sponsored by Ford Motor Co., Genysis Credit Union, Blue Care Network, Fox 2 News and 93.9 The River.

**A complete guide to the Ice Festival is included in this edition of *The Eagle*.**

# Rebuilding of fire department under way

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A campaign promise to restore and rebuild the fractured Plymouth Township Fire Department is about come to fruition.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise announced last week that he has instructed Fire Chief Dan Phillips to research and interview potential firefighter candidates and commence civil service examinations to fill at least six positions.

Heise said one of his priorities is re-open the permanently closed Lake Pointe Fire Station No. 2, something he pledged during his campaign last year.

Staffing at the Plymouth Township Fire Department has been the subject of much political machination and controversy during the past years.

During a special meeting of the trustees on March 1, 2012, board members, led by former Supervisor Richard Reaume, voted 6-1 to immediately lay off six firefighters, leaving a full-time staff of 12 firefighter-paramedics to protect 28,000 residents.

That decision was referred the same day to then Fire Chief Mark Wendel who was ordered by Reaume to immediately implement the layoffs. Wendel subsequently ordered the fire captain to inform the affected firefighters to leave their stations at once. The firefighters were told that arrangements would be made for them to retrieve their personal belongings from the station at a later time.

The next day it was reported that flyers were posted throughout the Lake Pointe

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Lake Pointe Fire Station No. 2

# Wayne - Westland

## Arrests

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murder; two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder; two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon; two counts of felony firearm; two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and a charge for being a habitual offender-fourth offense.

Cicerelli set a bond of $750,000 cash and Svenson set a $75,000 cash bond for Wooten. Wooten is scheduled to appear at the 18th District Court for his probable cause hearing Jan. 5.

Brown was arraigned before Svenson on one count of armed robbery; one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder; one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, and a charge of being a habitual offender-fourth offense. Brown was given a bond of $75,000 cash for the Dec. 11 armed robbery and is also scheduled to appear at the 18th District Court for his probable cause hearing Jan. 5.

Lewis was arraigned by Cicerelli for the Dec. 17 armed robbery and Svenson for the Dec. 11 armed robbery. In all, Lewis was arraigned on one count of armed robbery; one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. Cicerelli set a bond of $500,000 cash and Svenson set a $75,000 cash bond for Lewis. Lewis, too, is scheduled to appear back at the 18th District Court for his probable cause hearing on Jan. 5.

Kyle Wooten

Archie Lewis

Christian Brown

"The Westland Police Department Detective Bureau realized the danger of these particular armed robbery suspects and went to great lengths to arrest them as quickly as possible," noted a prepared statement from the department.

Police said that despite having very little evidence to work with, they were able to investigate, identify all suspects, and arrest all of them within an 11 day period.

"This was a direct result of the time and effort that the Westland Police Detective Bureau contributed in the interest of the safety of our community," according to a department spokesman.

# Westland police nab 3rd robbery suspect

Leroy Sloan

Westland Police arrested an armed robbery suspect Christmas Eve, just hours after a morning theft at the Family Dollar Store on Venoy Road.

Leroy Sloan, 42, of Inkster was arrested after he led officers on a vehicle pursuit as he attempted to leave the scene of the robbery.

Westland Ofc. Jason Soulliere was on routine patrol Christmas Eve morning when he noticed a vehicle that matched the description of cars seen by witnesses at other Family Dollar Store robberies parked in the lot in front of the 1918 South Venoy Road location of the store.

Soulliere watched the vehicle for some time until a person matching the description of the earlier armed robber exited the store and entered the vehicle. Soulliere followed the vehicle out of the lot, at which time Westland Police dispatch received a 911 call stating that the store had just been robbed.

Sloan did not stop his vehicle when ordered and led Soulliere on a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit ended when Sloan lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a garage in the area of Grand Traverse and Bay Court. Sloan then exited the vehicle and fled on foot, but Soulliere caught Sloan and placed him under arrest without further incident.

In addition to the Family Dollar robbery on Dec. 24, Sloan is also accused of committing armed robberies at the Payless Shoe Store located at 6629 N Wayne Road on Dec. 5, and at the Family Dollar located at 1963 S. Wayne Road on Dec. 23.

Sloan was arraigned Dec. 26 in front of Judge Vesta Svenson on three charges of armed robbery, fleeing a police officer third degree, felony firearm (pneumatic gun), and three charges of being a habitual offender, (fourth notice). Sloan's bond was set at $225,000 cash or surety for all three incidents, and he was scheduled to appear at the 18th District Court for a probable cause hearing today.

This arrest is the ninth the Westland Police Department has made in the most recent 10 armed robberies of businesses.

"If you intend on committing a robbery, you better think long and hard about whether it's worth committing that crime in the City of Westland," commented Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

## Celebration

# Adult students embrace diversity

The holiday celebration for adult education students in Wayne-Westland classes really was an international event.

Students enrolled in the English as a Second Language (ESL) and General Educational Development (GED) classes celebrated the holiday with ethnic dishes from their native countries they prepared using vegetables and herbs grown in class.

According to Kerin Stover, a prep teacher at the program, the vegetables were cultivated in the classroom healthy grow station, donated to the program this year by Target.

"This semester we embarked on the exciting adventure of researching the best herbs and vegetables to grow within the system. The students voted for the current seed choices, including cilantro, parsley, mint, chives, basil, Vietnamese coriander and thyme," Stover said. "As the plants continued to grow, we were able to study each stage of development, known as morphogenesis. Most plants continually produce new sets of organs, such as leaves, flowers, and fruits as they grow, so there was always a lesson to learn.

"Now that some of the herbs have matured, the students made an ethnic dish centered around each one. We have also shared the ethnic history of each herb and have discovered how these dietary staples have been a part of the human diet for thousands of years all over the world," Stover said.

She said that Wayne-Westland Superintendent of Schools Michele Harmala attended the holiday event along with St. Nick himself.

Since the program was moved from the Tinkham Center to John Glenn on Marquette in Westland, Stover said, some community members may be confused and think that the program has ended or not be aware that the free classes are offered.

She said the Wayne-Westland district continues to offer the community service and even offers free transportation by taxi to and from class, without restrictions on where students may live.

"We have a variety of tools both in class and online to assist the adult learners with reaching their GED and ESL goals," she said. We have many interesting activities going on in class to prepare the students for employment. We attend career fairs. We also have local businesses come and speak to the students regarding opportunities in the community," she added.

"Through our program, GED students can earn their degree for free. We can reimburse up to $150 required for the Pearson testing system when the student passes. We also provide free GED Ready tests for all four subjects when the student's skills have been raised to a passing level though our diagnostics and teaching methods," Sever said.

Students at the free English as a Second Language and General Educational Development classes in Wayne Westland celebrated diversity with their holiday party.

For more information about the program, visit https://www.facebook.com/WayneWestlandGEDESL/ or contact Stover at John Glenn High School,(734) 419-2300.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2017 for the following:

**PRIMARY SWITCHGEAR REPLACEMENT**

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

**MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK**

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**ADA PLAY FEATURE AT HERITAGE PARK**

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**MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 2017 for the following:

**2017 SIDEWALK REPAIR and GAP PROGRAM**
**A: North of Cherry Hill Road - 32,000 Square Feet**
**B: South of Cherry Hill Road - 59,400 Square Feet**
**C: MDOT Locations (Michigan Avenue & Ford Road) - 12,000 Square Feet**
**D: Sidewalk Gaps - 1800 Linear Feet**

Bids may be picked up at the Canton Township Engineering Department 2nd floor. A nonrefundable fee of Ten ($10.00) Dollars will be charged for the bid packet picked up or mailed (checks or money orders only - Payable to the Charter Township of Canton, no cash). Bid documents are on file and available for review at Dodge Data & Analytics, Construction Association of Michigan, Construction Market Data and Construction Data Company. Contact Erika A. Hidalgo at: 734/394-5158 for any questions on the project. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals AND to award one or more sections of the bid to various contractors. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

*Employment:* The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

*Effective Communication:* The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

*Modifications to Policies and Procedures:* The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

# Martin Luther King Day celebration set

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Monday, Jan. 16 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township.

The keynote address this year, Be the Difference, will be presented by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica L. Merritt. Merritt, who hails from Alexandria, VA, has extensive experience as a teacher, principal and administrator and resides in Plymouth Township with her family. Monica is the daughter of Carol and Herman Boone, who received great attention and accolades for his time as football coach of the TC Williams High School, as portrayed in the Disney movie, "Remember the Titans" (2000).

The program will also feature music by the Workman Elementary School Choir under the direction of Keri L. Mueller, additional music will be provided by the Interfaith Community Outreach (ICO) Choir directed by Inderjeet Talwar, along with a presentation by spoken word artist, Khadega Mohammed.

Tickets to the program are available at the door at $2 per person or $5 per family; exact cash appreciated. The reception is sponsored annually by Darian and Ralynda Moore of Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

# Life savers
## Grant funds new Jaws of Life

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Township Fire Department has two new life-saving vehicle-extraction rescue tools commonly known as Jaws-of Life. The new portable, state of the art-battery operated pneumatic tools received recently, valued at $20,000, were funded by a grant sent from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charity organization. The funding was made possible by customer donations to the more than 1000 stores owned by the Florida-based firm.

Plymouth Township Fire Captain Dan Atkins created the grant request and Chief Dan Phillips said he was elated by the award. The new tools will replace a much older set of Jaws purchased in 1998. Phillips explained the units are self-contained and free up the firefighters from dragging hydraulic hoses with limited reach. The equipment eliminates the risk of lines being punctured by broken glass or debris.

"This new equipment is already being used on the job." Phillips said.

According to company information, Firehouse Subs co-founders brothers Chris and Robin Sorenson formed the public safety foundation dedicated to helping the life saving capabilities of professional firefighters. They have donated more than $23 million to thousands of public safety organizations and first responders with life-saving equipment, scholarships, and prevention education through the foundation. Chris Sorenson is a former firefighter.

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips (right) instructs Firefighter Guy Vallet (from left), Captain Chuck Mann and Firefighter Jim Harrell on the features of the new tools.

# Station

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subdivision announcing the closing, which left more than 900 residents in what many described as "injurious jeopardy."

The flyers, likely created by the union firefighters, announced that there "is now a maximum staffing level of five firefighters to cover the entire township."

Township officials and board members defended the action as "right-sizing" and "fire reform."

Former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards-who had long before usurped control of the fire department--was embroiled in a contract settlement dispute and union arbitration with the firefighters at the time. Edwards claimed the layoffs were made necessary by a financial hardship created by the City of Plymouth's withdrawal from a long-standing inter-local fire service agreement. Township officials, led by Edwards, claimed the termination of the inter-local agreement resulted in a reduction in revenues to the fire department approaching $1 million.

Many residents and firefighters claimed that the layoffs were retribution by Edwards for the support many firefighters expressed for his opponent in a political campaign.

As the layoffs and staffing reductions became public, Reaume distributed a newsletter to residents in which he stated, "The safety and security of everyone in Plymouth Township is our highest priority. You will continue to receive the same high-level, round-the-clock fire and paramedic service that you have always received." According to the newsletter his reason for closing the Lake Pointe station was, "the majority of calls for medical assistance came from the assisted living center," a reference to the 200-unit major senior residence Independence Village, located on Northville Road near Five Mile.

In the aftermath of the 2012 layoffs, Wendell broke Reaume's gag order and publicly decried the lack of manpower and described the broken-down, aged equipment and worn out vehicles the department was forced to utilize.

Wendell stated he could longer effectively manage a fire department where the workload had increased by 400 percent while working with only 12 firefighters. Later, under public pressure from Wendel's disclosures, township trustees approved the hiring of several part-time, paid on-call firefighters to work peak hours, many of whom have now resigned and moved to other departments to work full-time.

Heise who said he is determined to rebuild the department as soon as possible was reluctant to provide a specific timetable, stating his plans are dependent on the support and approval of the board members and working with existing funds.

"My first goal is the get the staff properly equipped and make the department fully operational," Heise stressed.

"This fire department had been deliberately downsized for years. It's taken years to get into this position with the old and broken down equipment," he added.

"We now have Station 2 back under our control," Heise said during an interview last week, explaining that the township has fire apparatus now parked and occupying the yet unmanned station.

For the past few months, during road construction work for I-275 and Six Mile Road, Northville Township Fire Department rented space and assumed occupancy at Station 2 with a special occupancy agreement fostered between former Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth and former Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price.

At the time of the initial fire department layoff turmoil, Heise, a former state representative, was acting as attorney of counsel to Hemming, Polaczyk, Cronin, Witthoff, and Bennett, the legal firm representing the township.

"We've inherited a legacy of an understaffed, poorly-equipped department. It doesn't get rebuilt overnight," Heise said.

## CITY OF ROMULUS

***Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Projects***

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

**FY 2017/2018**

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and is scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, ***Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm*** for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2017/2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an ESTIMATED $151,807.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, preserving deteriorating housing, improving recreational facilities and programs and assisting in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carry out the following eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts.

**OBJECTIVES:**

A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

**FY 2017/2018 Proposed Projects**

| ACTIVITY | Amount: | * Objectives Met: |
|---|---|---|
| Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 05A | $ 22,771 | A & B |
| Romulus Fire Station - LMA<br>35255 Goddard Rd | $113,855 | C & D |
| General Administration - 21A (10%) | $ 15,181 | A |
| Sub-Total | $151,181 | |
| Housing Rehabilitation LMH -from Program Income | $ 5,000 | B & C |
| | $156,181 | |

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the first Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before January 20, 2017. The City of Romulus will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**December 12, 2016**

**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.**
**Pledge of Allegiance**
**Roll Call**
**Present:** Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe.
**Excused:** Sylvia Makowski, William Wadsworth.
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**
LeRoy D. Burcroff
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
**Excused:** Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk; Stacy Paige, Treasurer
**1.** Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.
**Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-499 2A.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 5, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-500 2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on December 5, 2016: 6:30 p.m. closed session, Attorney Opinion; 7:00 p.m. closed session, Pending Legal Matters.**Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**3. Petitioner:** Robert McLachlan.
**16-501 3A.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Crout** to adopt a local governing body resolution for charitable gaming licenses for Robert McLachlan of 16268 Wild Fox Court to recognize JORY Children's Foundation as a charitable entity in the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
**4. Chairperson's Report:**
**4.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**5. Mayor's Report:**
Dennis Davidson spoke about the Wreaths Across America Project. There will be a Veteran's Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery – volunteers are needed to help place wreaths on the veterans' graves. Nominations for the Holiday Home Decorating contest are due by December 19, 2016 – call the Recreation Department at 734-941-8665.
**16-502 5A1.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Choate** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Elsie Russell. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-503 5A2.** Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution or the family of Bud Hoffman. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-504 5A.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute an addendum to the existing Single Hauler Waste Collection and Disposal Contract with Waste Management for disposal of auto and truck tires. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6A. Clerk's Report:**
**16-505 6A1.** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to approve demolition of the structures and removal of all debris at the locations listed on Demolition List 16-01 as presented at the public hearing held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm:
1. 35953 Bibbins (Single-Family Residential Structure)
2. 16483 Taft (Single-Family Residential Structure & Garage)
3. 11325 Whitehorn (Single-Family Residential Structure)

**Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**16-506 6A2.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session with Director of Financial Services, Suzanne Moreno, on January 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss financial report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Council Chambers **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6B. Treasurer's Report**
**7. Public Comment: None.**
**8. Unfinished Business**
**9. New Business**
**10. Communication:**
On behalf of Helping Hands, Councilman Crout thanked the residents of Romulus for their generous donations to Helping Hands.
**16-507 11.** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-23 in the amount of $2,927,069.24.
**12.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 12, 2016.

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# Belleville - Northville

## Operation Warm

Members of the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, display some of the coats and jackets the group donated to Northville Civic Concern this year. The firefighters charity has partnered with Community Choice Credit Union and Operation Warm, a national non-profit dedicated to warming the hearts, minds and bodies of children in need, to help provide brand new coats to those served by Northville Civic Concern. While the Firefighters Charity Fund works annually with Civic Concern to provide food and other assistance to local families in need, this is the first year participating in the Operation Warm campaign. The effort aligns with the firefighters' charity mission of working together as a community to help improve the lives of others. The organization also works to provide support to injured or fallen firefighters and police officers and their families, children's charities, senior outreach and local family and youth organizations. “We believe that Operation Warm can have a long lasting impact on Civic Concern and our local community,” a spokesman from the group noted.

## Proposed carnival ride move draws opposition

A proposal to increase the number of carnival rides for children during the Strawberry Festival met with some opposition during the recent meeting of the Belleville City Council.

Chamber of Commerce President Michael Dotson presented the plan to the council members which would increase the number of children's rides and move them from the St. Anthony's Church site to Third Street downtown, including the parking lot of Chase Bank, the parking lot behind the museum and in the center of both Third and Fourth streets and on the property next to the chamber offices. These rides would be in addition to the Ferris wheel which is usually installed at Fifth Street along with other children's rides in that area.

“We want to make the Strawberry Festival better every year,” Dotson said.

In the presentation, which included hand-drawn maps of the proposed plan, Dotson said the chamber did not want to present any safety issues for the city with the move.

Police Chief Hal Berriman and Fire Chief Brian Loranger, however, said that would be the situation with the plan.

> *The only way I have to get through with a fire truck is through Third Street.*

Berriman and Loranger both said that Third Street is used as an emergency route to get from one side of town to the other. They also said that the use of the planned areas would negatively impact the amount of parking available for vendors on Main Street.

Loranger said the plan looked like a parking nightmare and noted, “The only way I have to get through with a fire truck is through Third Street.”

Berriman said that he was “dead set against” the proposal.

His objections were seconded by DPW Chief Rick Rutherford who said moving the rides to Third Street would block vendors from getting to their booths.

“The council certainly does not support rides in proximity to residences and taking away parking,” said Mayor Kerreen Conley.

“I'm not comfortable about voting on it. Jack [Loria] isn't comfortable or Tom Smith either.”

After much discussion and optional plans and locations considered, the issue will be re-addressed at the next Strawberry Festival meeting, officials said. The council members took no formal action on the proposal.

## Nominations for ‘Distinguished Graduate’ still sought

Nominations are being sought for the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate award.

Nominations will be accepted for the annual honor until Jan. 31. The Distinguished Graduate Award is an annual honor that recognizes Belleville High School graduates who have distinguished themselves in business or profession, or have contributed to the welfare and progress of the community.

Nominees must have graduated prior to 2006. The selected honoree, or family member in the case of the posthumous award, will be invited to attend the National Honor Society induction ceremony April 28, when the award will be presented.

Nomination forms are available on the website of the Van Buren Public Schools and at the school administration building.

## Classified


01. Obituaries
02. In Memoriam
03. Cards of Thanks
04. Monuments & Cemetery Plots
05. Personals/Announcements
06. Legal Notices
07. Attorneys
08. Entertainment
09. Lost & Found
10. Coming Events
30. Help Wanted
31. Help Wanted Sales
32. Help Wanted Drivers
33. Child Care
34. Specialized Services
35. Situations Wanted
40. Business Opportunity
42. Health and Fitness
43. Money to Loan
44. Music/Art Lessons
45. Adult Care
46. Private Schools/Instruction
47. Riding/Horses/Stables
50. Pets & Supplies
54. Rummage Sales
55. Estate Sales
56. Flea Markets
57. Antiques
58. Garage and Yard Sales
59. Auctions
60. Moving Sales
61. Misc. Items
62. Building Supplies
63. Business and OfficeEquipment
64. Lawn & Garden Supplies
65. Tree Service
66. Landscape / Nurseries
67. Garden Plant / Supplies
68. Garden / Produce
70. Masonry / Brickwork
72. Cleaning Services
73. Musical Merchandise
74. Sporting Goods
75. Boats / Accessories
76. Remodeling & Renovations
77. Recreation Vehicles
78. Hunting / Fishing
82. Wanted to Buy
87. Room for Rent
88. Duplexes for Rent
89. Apartments for Rent
90. Condos/Townhouses for Rent
92. Business Places for Rent
93. Banquet Halls
94. Farm Land for Rent
95. Real Estate
96. Houses for Rent
97. Cottages for Rent
98. Manufactured/Mobile Homes
99. Flats for Rent
100. Will Share
101. Wanted to Rent
102. Storage
103. Business Property for Sale
104. Farms & Acreage for Sale
105. Mobile Homes for Sale
106. Houses for Sale
107. Condos/Townhouses for Sale
108. Lake and Resort
109. Income Property
110. Lots for Sale
111. Out of State Property
112. Commercial Lease
113. Real Estate Wanted
114. Auto Accessories
115. Autos for Sale
116. Antique & Classic Cars
117. Trucks & Vans for Sale
118. Freebies
119. Auto Repairs
120. Motorcycles
121. Autos Wanted


### 59. Auctions

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ABOUT JOHN ZADIKIAN

John Zadikian is a lifelong and proud Detroit area resident whose veins are filled with Vernors, Sanders candy, and Better Made potato chips.....not to mention the occasional Faygo chaser.

The Annapolis High School graduate and Dearborn Heights native lives in his childhood home, where he learned from his parents at an early age that respect is earned, honesty is appreciated, trust is gained, and loyalty is returned. He credits his upbringing as the catalyst for his personal growth and community involvement.

After receiving extensive training in broadcasting, John became a familiar voice to Detroit radio listeners, and later parlayed his experience into a reporter/columnist position with the Press & Guide Newspapers. For the past several years, John has been an active member of the Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce. He focuses much of his energy on the Chamber Choice Awards & Expo, the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, and a number of Chamber-related committees and activities. In late 2015, John was awarded with the Chamber's prestigious "Ambassador of the Year" award.

In 2009, John was skittish about hanging his own shingle after being downsized from the corporate public relations world due to economic conditions at that time. While it was scary, he was determined to utilize his talents even more for the greater good of the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights area, and the multimedia communications business that bears his name was born. With the guidance and assistance of the Chamber and its members, John has built relationships that have, in turn, also helped the Chamber thrive and prosper. His quick wit enables him to engage with people from various backgrounds and aid them in dealing with the challenges of promoting a business.

John is a past Dearborn Heights Goodfellow of the Year, and remains active on that charity's board of directors. The onetime honoree as an "Outstanding Armenian in the Detroit Media" also directed public relations efforts in Detroit last year for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide Centennial. He also serves on the Dearborn Heights Library Advisory Board and the city's Local Officers Compensation Commission.

When he isn't creating customized brand messaging or recording audio for his client base, John enjoys collecting wristwatches, cooking, and volunteer work.

INKSTER - ROMULUS

# Romulus schools welcome state grants

The Romulus Public Library and Barth Elementary School each received an early Christmas gift last month.

Grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs were announced earlier last year and the 10 recipients, in Romulus and Taylor, received a total of $3,203 in funding.

Barth Elementary School in Romulus and Robert J. West Middle School in Taylor each received a $500 bus grant to help cover the transportation costs affiliated with field trips centered on the arts or cultural events.

"Students having the ability to interact with their curriculum outside of the classroom is an enriching and crucial part of the education process," explained State Rep. Erika Geiss.

The Romulus Public Library was awarded multiple grants totaling $560 to support touring arts, and the Taylor Community Library received $443. Romulus High School also received $1,200 for arts equipment and supplies.

"Resources for creative expression help ensure different voices and perspectives will be shared and heard. I am thrilled about the opportunities this funding brings to our community," Geiss said.

The mission of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is to provide access to arts, cultural and educational projects and programs statewide, Geiss noted.

# Reward offered in slaying on Carlysle Street

The $2,500 reward being offered for information about the broad-daylight killing of a 19-year-old man in Inkster remains unclaimed.

According to police reports, 19-year-old Kylen Guinn of Detroit was gunned down while talking with "an unknown man" at around 1:10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, in the 30100 block of Carlysle, near Andover Street, south of Michigan Avenue, in Inkster.

Crime Stoppers has reported that Guinn had driven to the location with a friend. The friend stayed in the car while Guinn stepped out and had a conversation with the man, now the prime suspect in the shooting death.

As the conversation continued, according to the witness, the suspect pulled a gun and began firing. Guinn tried to run from the gunfire, but was shot multiple times and died at the scene. The witness told investigators that he drove away from the scene when the gunfire erupted.

Guinn attended Bradford Academy of Southfield where he was enrolled in the performing arts program.

> *Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.*

"Kylen had a promising future in his view," Crime Stoppers said in a news release. "His natural talent to act and sing led him to the stage to play the role of Motown's Steve Wonder and a movie role as the younger version of gospel recording artist Deitrick Haddon."

His goal was to pursue an education in Computer Information Systems at Focus Hope in Detroit and in the entertainment business. He worked at Menard's in Livonia and was a member of Kingdom Culture Church in Detroit, according to the prepared statement.

Michigan State Police said the investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP. Tips may also be submitted by texting CSM and the tip to CRIMES (2746370). There's no caller ID, calls are never recorded and callers are not asked for identification.

Rewards are also paid anonymously upon an arrest and conviction in a case.

# Council recognizes new children's city charity

There is now a new charitable organization in Romulus.

Romulus City Council members voted unanimously recently to recognize the JORY Children's Foundation as a bona fide charitable organization. The approval allows the foundation to conduct raffles and raise funds.

Romulus resident Robert McLachlan said he decided to form the charity about a year ago and had finalized all the paperwork to make it a reality.

"This foundation has been on the books for a while; it's been a dream of mine," said McLachlan, a member of the Romulus Community School Board and Garden City Rotary.

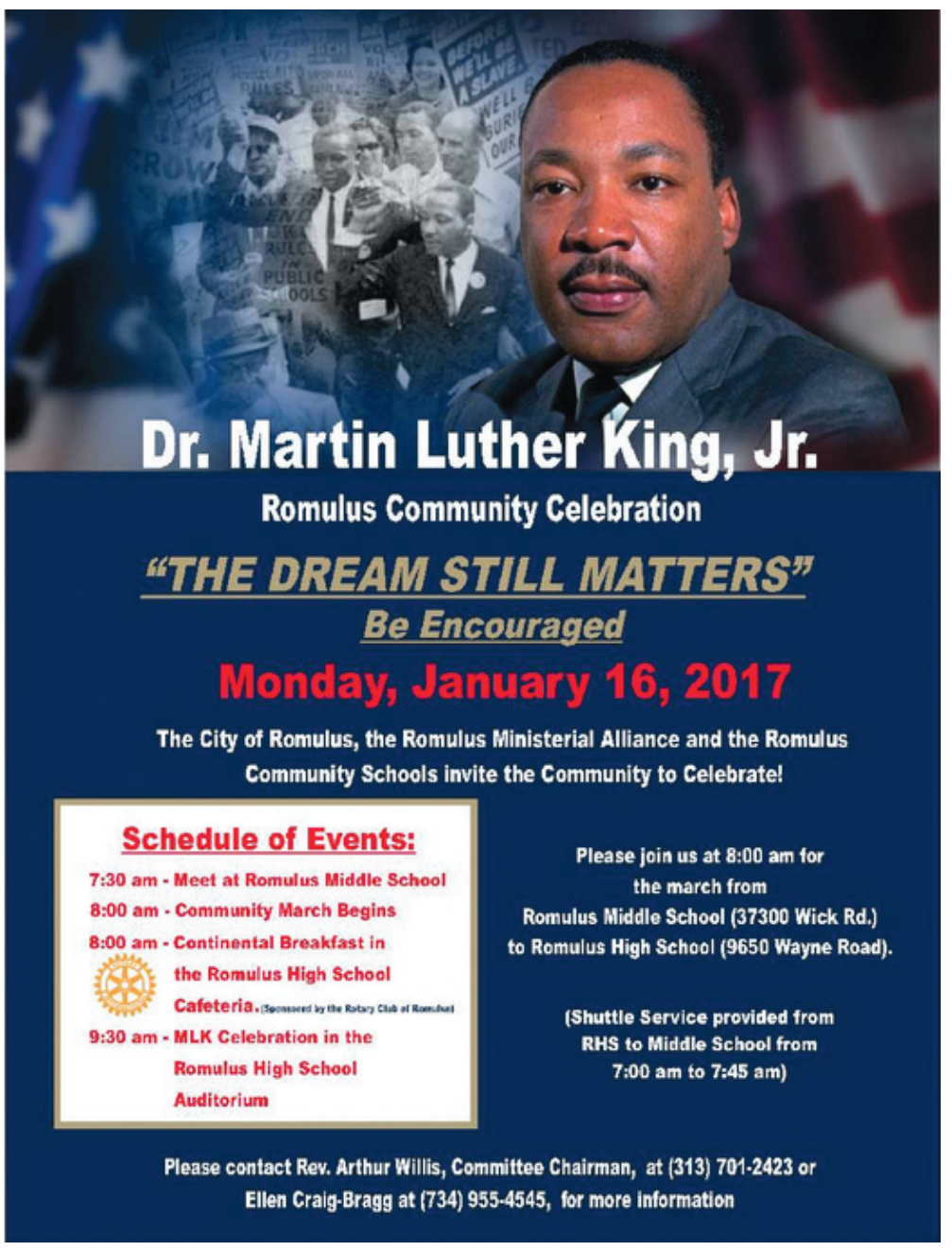
The foundation is named for his two children, and will be focused on youth-related services, he said.

"I'm not looking to provide a hand-out with this foundation. It's a hand up," he said. "If students or a family decides that they want to apply to the JORY Foundation, they'll be asked for what they're going to put in, whether it be matching funds or community service, so they can donate some labor so they're getting a work ethic out of it instead of just writing someone a letter and getting a check."

> *I'm not looking to provide a hand-out with this foundation. It's a hand up*

McLachlan has organized other charitable events in the community, as well, including the annual Mayor's Ball, which is a fundraiser for the Romulus & Belleville Boys and Girls Club.

McLachlan said he's planning some JORY Foundation fundraisers soon, including a car raffle through Atchinson Ford in Belleville.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7:30 am - Meet at Romulus Middle School
8:00 am - Community March Begins
8:00 am - Continental Breakfast in the Romulus High School Cafeteria. (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Romulus)
9:30 am - MLK Celebration in the Romulus High School Auditorium
Please join us at 8:00 am for the march from Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Rd.) to Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road).
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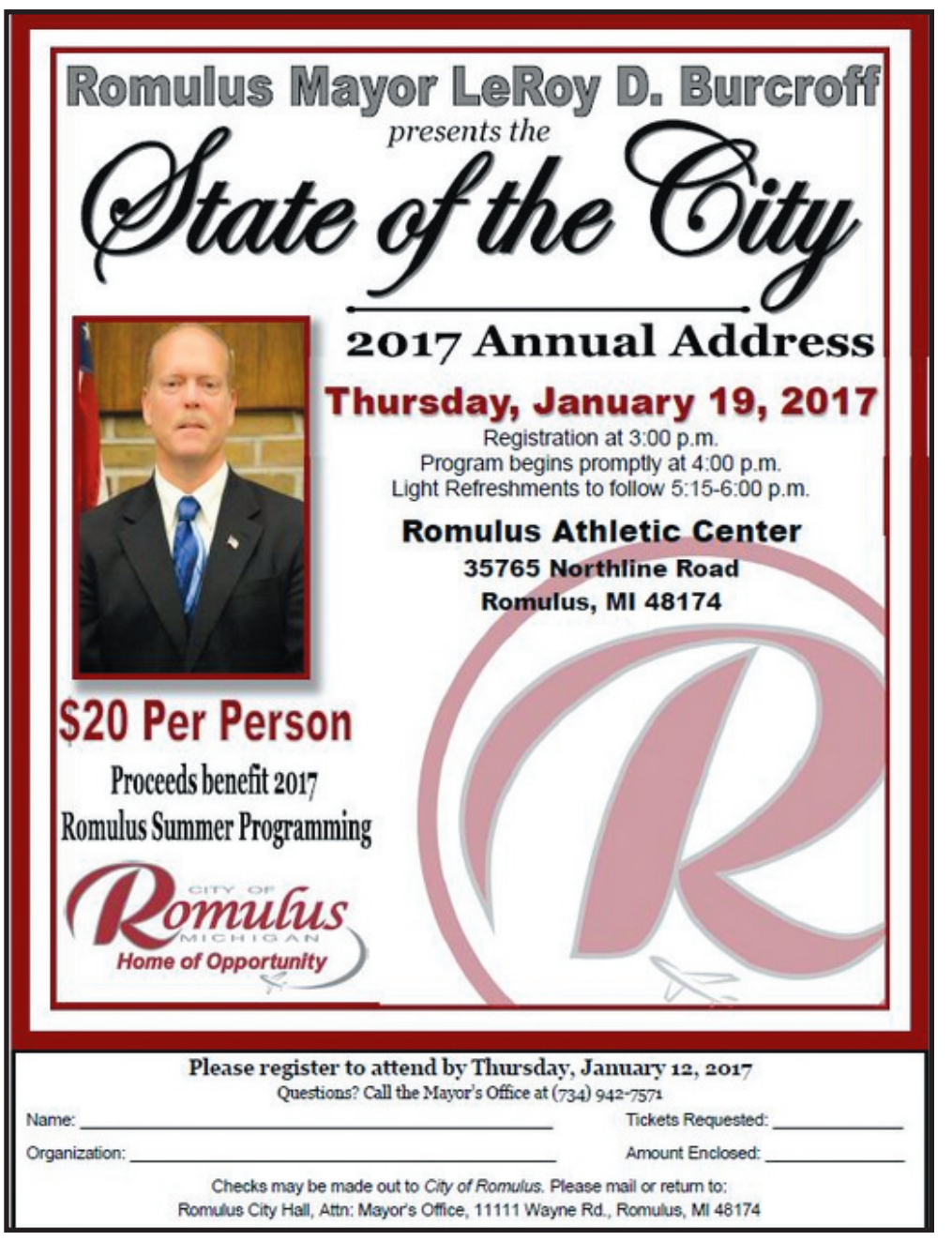
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# Calendar of events

### Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurch-mi.com.

### Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

### Museum program planned

The Sanborn Maps will be the topic of a talk by Tyler Moll during a program at 5 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

Moll will discuss the maps created from 1867 through 2007 to assess fire insurance liability in urbanized areas of the country. Moll will display the maps available of Wayne.

For more information, call (732) 722-0113. The museum is locate at 1 Towne Square in Wayne.

### Friends sell used books

The Friends of the Romulus Library will host a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14.

Saturday is bag day.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589.

### Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The meeting will feature some of the best 3D programs from recent National Stereoscopic Association conventions and include the first of three scheduled drawings for free 3D items. The meeting will conclude with the monthly club 3D image competition.

The meetings are free and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

### Substance abuse workshop set

Northville Public Schools Community Lecture Series will present Warning Signs, Emerging Trends in Substance Abuse at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 at Northville High School Auditorium.

Scott Masi, referral and outreach specialist for the Brighton Center for Recovery will be the speaker. He is a founding member of the Regional Anti-Drug Education and Outreach Organization of Michigan, as well as a member of the Michigan Opiate Prevention Alliance and Community Parent, Inc.

### State of the City address planned

Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff will present his annual State of the City address beginning at 4 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road in Romulus.

Reservations for the event the event will be accepted through Jan. 12. Cost to attend is $20 per person with proceeds benefiting the 2017 Romulus summer programming at the center.

Light refreshments will follow the mayor's address from 5:15 until 6 p.m.

For more information or to register for the event, call the mayor's office at (734) 942-7574. To purchase tickets by mail, send checks payable to City of Romulus, Romulus City Hall, Attn. Mayor's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Tickets for the address are also available at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce office, admin@romuluschamber.org.

Space is limited and the address usually sells out quickly, organizers said.

### Strikes For Freedom set

The fourth Bowl It Out event, dedicated to spreading the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is planned for 7:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at Wayne Bowl.

The event was started by Printing Plus by United Sonz and this year the theme is Strikes for Freedom with a message of hope, love and prosperity.

The team fee of $100 includes a five-person team with two games of bowling, shoe rental and a shirt. There will be a live disc jockey, full kitchen, mystery jackpots and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the local non-profit African American Endowment Fund.

For registration and information, call (734) 485-8889.

### Community celebrates Dr. King

The City of Romulus will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a march beginning at 8 a.m. Jan. 16 from Romulus Middle School to Romulus High School.

Shuttle Service will be provided from Romulus High School to the Middle School from 7 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.

The celebration, titled The Dream Still Matters, is being organized by the City of Romulus, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Community Schools. For more information about the celebration, contact the Rev. Arthur Willis, committee chairman at (313) 701-2423 or City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545.

Participants will meet at Romulus Middle School at 7:30 a.m. and the Community March will begin at 8 a.m. when a continental breakfast in the Romulus High School cafeteria, sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club, will be served.

At 9:30 a.m. a celebration of Dr. Kings life and achievements will take place in the high school auditorium.

### Chamber sets awards dinner

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Holiday Party and Silent Auction is planned for Jan. 21.

This year, the event will take place at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and tickets are priced at $50 per person. The ticket price includes a three-course buffet meal, beverages, beer and wine. Tables of eight can be purchased at a discount rate of $360, officials said.

The evening will include an awards ceremony during which the recipients of the Ted Kuckelman, Leona Van Buhler and Business of the Year awards will be honored. Entertainment will be provided by Dueling Pianos and a silent auction is also planned as part of the evening. Chamber of Commerce membership awards will also be presented.

Chamber officials are currently accepting items that can be used as part of the silent auction. Donated items can be picked-up for the convenience of local merchants or businesses, officials said. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the chamber office at (734) 697-7151.

### Distinguished young women sought

The next Distinguished Young Woman program will take place March 10 and preparations are already under way to find participants.

An orientation meeting for young women who are juniors in high school will take place Monday, Jan. 23 at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne.

The program format has changed, organizers said, and the program now focuses on junior rather than senior high school students.

Any high school junior who lives in Wayne or Westland can register at any time at www.distinguishedyw.org and clicking on Apply Now.

Those who enter will be contacted with more detailed information regarding the orientation meeting, organizers said.

### Friends and Chamber on a roll

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Romulus Library will host Bowling Night At Romulus Lanes beginning with registration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

Bowling will begin at 8 p.m. and the $20 per person fee included three games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar will be available.

The event is limited to 72 bowlers and is usually a sell out.

Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 W. Huron River Dr.

For ticket information, call (734) 893-0694. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce.

### Mayor's Ball is planned

The fourth annual Mayors' Ball is planned for 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

Tickets for the event are $100 per person and must be purchased in advance. The donation includes dinner an open bar and entertainment.

For tickets, contact event coordinator Rob McLachlan at (734) 578-5682 or rwmclachlan@gmail.com.

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